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REMARKS

Prior to examination of the subject reissue application, Applicants hereby amend the application as requested.

Support for the requested claim changes is included in the Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes Under 37 CFR §1.173(c), which is being filed herewith.

Applicants submit that as sold, the reservoir illustrated in the previously submitted Engineering Drawing of the Bracket Type Two Compartment Reservoir ("the previously submitted Engineering Drawing") included a "Compartment No. 1" and a "Compartment No. 2," which were both used as chambers (reservoirs) for supplying compressed air to operate one or more pneumatic systems. In this sense, the "Compartment No. 1" and the "Compartment No. 2" were service chambers.

With reference to the previously submitted Engineering Drawing, Applicants submit that neither "Compartment No. 1" nor "Compartment No. 2" is a purge chamber, as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 14, and 34, or a purge section, as recited in independent claims 15, 22, 39, 41, and 45. Therefore, claims 1, 6, 14, 15, 22, 34, 39, 41, and 45 (along with claims 2-5, 7-13, 16-21, 23-33, 35-38, 40, 42-44, 46, 47, and 49-58 which depend therefrom) are patentable over the previously submitted Engineering Drawing.

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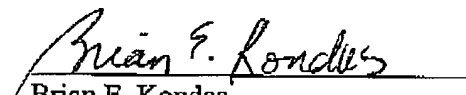
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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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